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Yellow Diamond on Life Support



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Chapter 1 by romantiCaveman

The pulsing headaches were coming back now.

The thump of the pulse bore into Yellow Diamond's brain and blurred her vision. She couldn't focus on the monitors that bubbled her lounge. The explosions of the battlefield on screen turned into distant dancing lights.

She looked at her arm. Even through the blurring, she could see her arm destabilizing.

She took a sharp breath. She didn't have time for this. Not now.

It was the last battle of Earth that left Yellow Diamond in this state all those millennia ago, and now the infernal planet was knocking at her door. Something about that mudball had caused members of the gem species to rebel against the Diamond Authority, and after the cluster experiment failed to destroy the planet, the remaining rebels took the fight directly to Homeworld.

A blurred saffron form warped into Yellow Diamond's command room. Pearl. Yellow Pearl. Her Pearl.

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"My Diamond!" Yellow Pearl squeaked, her voice echoing through the corridors. "We found a way through the blockade! They have some of our kind on their side!"

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Yellow Diamond blinked to keep her vision stable, "Pearl!"

"The warp encryption should keep them from reaching this room, but if they have a technician on their side, then it's only a matter of--"

"Pearl," Yellow Diamond whispered hoarsely. "I'm fading."

What little color was left in Yellow Pearl's face faded. "Oh dear. Not now. Oh dear oh dear oh dear." She brought up a screen and swallowed. "Attention all volunteers: please enter the medbay in an orderly fashion!"

While the research into Yellow Diamond's 'condition' had led to the creation of the invaluable gem destabilizer technology, it had not been fruitful in finding a permanent cure. However, there was no shortage of stable gems to "drain," volunteers willing to sacrifice their life to keep their beloved Diamond alive for just a little bit longer.

The screens around Yellow Diamond flickered out. Her lounge folded backwards into a surgical gurney and levitated towards a side door. Yellow Diamond remained emotionless as she was ferried along, too weak to move. This routine had gotten all too common over the past few cycles.

The tiny Yellow Pearl scampered alongside the gurney to keep up with it. "Technicians, prepare the transfer!" She shouted into her screen. "This needs to be quick!"

Chapter 2 by SaintSayaka



Waking up launched her into a whirlwind of power. Forget the Earth. Right now, she felt like she could destroy three planets with a single blow. This was the high that accompanied the theft of a gem life, a small golden speck on an otherwise miserable condition. Few outside of her quadrant realized the state of her illness, and this was for the best - any sign of weakness from a Diamond would have been dealt harshly with by the other colors of her rank. They would melt her down and create a being of greater power from the ashes. She sighed. Everyone always said that they wanted to use every resource at their disposal to better the Homeworld until it came to their own bodies. In many ways, that was her true weakness, not well, it was better left

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higher intelligence than most, for Pearls were meant to be decorations and little more (Peridots usually had the intel and data grounds covered), but she needed a caretaker on hand at all times - making a Pearl the perfect candidate. It gave the Diamond much pleasure to remind her assistant that the reason for her elated status was all thanks to her, but there was business to attend to.

"Earth status update."

She gulped. "Well, um, about that...I'm afraid I have some bad news, my Diamond."

Chapter 3 by Glowpy-Druglord



"Yellow Diamond," a deep voice called from her side. She waved her hand dismissively, rubbing her temples. "If you touch me, Pearl, I will not be afraid to allow my dear wolf to rip you apart."

"Arcane," she breathed.

Chapter 4 by Comp Som "CS" Anichi



A desperate Yellow Diamond suddenly grabs Yellow Pearl or a major character to use for life energy.

Before she could say another word, another headache tore its way through, reminiscent of the ones she had earlier, though now more painful. She squeezed her head, but as quickly moved her hand and grasped her chest. It was getting hard to breathe now too; a very bad sign that she was fading, and too quickly.

"Yellow Diamond?" Pearl's voice broke through her haze of pain. The assistant looked worried and hovered her hand over Yellow Diamond, yet not touching.

There wasn't much time for her left, Yellow Diamond mused. She quickly went through her options, and the most immediate one was-

"Never mind what I said earlier-" her breath hitched and the pain skyrocketed. Yellow Diamond groaned, and Pearl hovered even more around her. She didn't expect it as Diamond reached out and grabbed onto her arms.

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turned resolute. "What do you need?"

Diamond summoned all her will power to look up at Pearl. "I need - life energy-Agh". Diamond bowed her head once again as the pain wracked through her.

Pearl's eyes widened. "Oh-oh-oh-oh- oh!" She stuttered.

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